

What is claimed is:

1 1. A method of indicating input field status in a web page,
2 comprising the steps of:

3 running a browser at a client;

4 displaying with said browser a plurality of first input fields in
5 a web page, at said client;

6 displaying with said browser a second input field for use as a
7 status indicator, in said web page, said second input field
8 positioned adjacent one of said first input fields; and

9 running a script at said client to interpret an input from a
10 first input field other than said one of said first input fields
11 and in response thereto altering said second input field to
12 indicate a status of said one of said first input fields.

1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein said client is attached to a
2 server.

1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein said script is run without
2 accessing said server.

1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein said first input fields are
2 HTML input fields.

1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein said second input field is an
2 HTML input field.

1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein said second input field is a
2 radio button.

1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein said script is run to interpret
2 a plurality of inputs from a plurality of first input fields
3 other than said one of said first input fields.

1 8. The method of claim 1, further comprising displaying with said
2 browser a plurality of second input fields in said web page, each
3 said second input field positioned adjacent a corresponding one
4 of said first input fields and running said script at said client
5 to interpret an input from a first input field other than any of
6 said corresponding one of said first input fields and in response
7 thereto altering said plurality of said second input fields.

1 9. The method of claim 1, wherein said script is a Java script.

1 10. A system for indicating input field status in a web page,
2 comprising:

3 a client processor adapted for running a browser;

4 means for displaying with said browser a plurality of first input
5 fields in a web page, at said client processor;

6 means for displaying with said browser a second input field for
7 use as a status indicator, in said web page, said second input
8 field positioned adjacent one of said first input fields; and

9 means for running a script at said client to interpret an input
10 from a first input field other than said one of said first input
11 fields and in response thereto altering said second input field
12 to indicate a status of said one of said first input fields.

1 11. The system of claim 10, wherein said client processor is
2 attached to a server.

1 12. The system of claim 11, wherein said script is run on said
2 client processor without accessing said server.

1 13. The system of claim 10, wherein said first input fields are
2 HTML input fields.

1 14. The system of claim 10, wherein said second input field is an
2 HTML input field.

1 15. The system of claim 10, wherein said second input field is a
2 radio button.

1 16. The system of claim 10, wherein said script is run to
2 interpret a plurality of inputs from a plurality of first input
3 fields other than said one of said first input fields.

1 17. The method of claim 10, further comprising means for
2 displaying with said browser a plurality of second input fields
3 in said web page, each said second input field positioned
4 adjacent a corresponding one of said first input fields and means
5 for running said script at said client to interpret an input from
6 a first input field other than any of said corresponding one of
7 said first input fields and in response thereto altering said
8 plurality of said second input fields.

1 18. The system of claim 10, wherein said script is a Java script.

1 19. A computer program product for instructing a processor to
2 indicate an input field status in a web page, said computer
3 program product comprising:

4 a computer readable medium;

5 first program instruction means for running a browser at a
6 client;

7 second program instruction means for displaying with said browser
8 a plurality of first input fields in a web page, at said client;
9 third program instruction means for displaying with said browser
10 a second input field for use as a status indicator, in said web
11 page, said second input field positioned adjacent one of said
12 first input fields; and

13 fourth program instruction means for running a script at said
14 client to interpret an input from a first input field other than
15 said one of said first input fields and in response thereto
16 altering said second input field to indicate a status of said
17 one of said first input fields; and wherein

18 all said program instruction means are recorded on said medium.